

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 24-cr-20072

Plaintiff,  
v.  
Hon. Judge Thomas L. Ludington  
Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris

RYAN LEE VANOCHTEN,

Defendant.

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**FIRST SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT**

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**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:**

**COUNT ONE**  
**Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine**  
**(21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1))**

On or about January 11, 2024, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Ryan Lee Vanochten knowingly possessed with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

**COUNT TWO**

**Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime  
(18 U.S.C. § 924(c))**

On or about January 11, 2024, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Ryan Lee Vanochten, knowingly possessed a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, , possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine as alleged in Count One, and possession with intent to distribute; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A).

**COUNT THREE**

**Felon in Possession of a Firearm  
(18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1))**

On or about January 11, 2024, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Ryan Lee Vanochten, knowing he had been convicted of an offense punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year, knowingly possessed, in and affecting commerce, a firearm, that is, one Sig Sauer P320 9mm caliber handgun and one Sig Sauer .556 caliber rifle, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

**COUNT FOUR**  
**Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl**  
**(21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1))**

On or about January 11, 2024, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Ryan Lee Vanochten knowingly possessed with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS**

The allegations contained in Counts One through Four of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture. Pursuant to Fed.R.Cr.P. 32.2(a), the government hereby gives notice to the defendant of its intention to seek forfeiture of all proceeds of the alleged violations, direct or indirect, or property traceable thereto; all property that facilitated the commission of the violations alleged, or property traceable thereto; all property involved in, or property traceable to, the violations alleged in this Indictment.

Dated: April 24, 2024

THIS IS A TRUE BILL

*s/Grand Jury Foreperson* \_\_\_\_\_  
GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

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**Companion Case information MUST be completed by AUSA and initialed**United States District Court  
Eastern District of Michigan**Criminal Case Cover Sheet**Case Number  
24-cr-20072

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Assistant U.S. Attorney signing this form to complete it accurately in all respects.

<b>Companion Case Information</b>		<b>Companion Case Number:</b>
This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4) <sup>1</sup> :		Judge Assigned: Thomas L. Ludington
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	AUSA's Initials: RRK

Case Title: USA v. Ryan Lee VanochtenCounty where offense occurred: BayCheck One:  Felony  Misdemeanor  Petty Indictment/  Information --- no prior complaint. Indictment/  Information --- based upon prior complaint [] Indictment/  Information --- based upon LCrR 57.10 (d) [Complete Superseding section below].**FILED**APR 24 2024  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
BAY CITY, MICHIGAN**Superseding Case Information**Superseding to Case No: 24-cr-20072 Judge: Thomas L. Ludington

Corrects errors; no additional charges or defendants.  
 Involves, for plea purposes, different charges or adds counts.  
 Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:

<b>Defendant name</b>	<b>Charges</b>	<b>Prior Complaint (if applicable)</b>
Ryan Lee Vanochten	21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)	1:24-mj-30011

Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case.

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